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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed non-U.S. documents are enclosed.

The cited documents may be pertinent because they were cited in a European Search Report issued December 22, 2004, a copy of which is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

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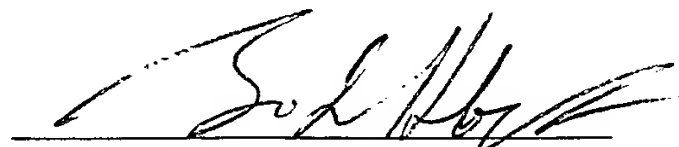
FEE STATEMENT

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the mailing of a Notice of Allowance. Accordingly, Applicants authorize the Commissioner to charge the \$180.00 Information Disclosure Statement fee to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner and that an annotated copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned with the next official communication indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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